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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 3627**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: METHOD AND PRODUCT FOR	) Attorney Docket No.: G04.004 (formerly
CALCULATING A NET	) G03.020)
OPERATING INCOME AUDIT	)
AND FOR ENABLING	)
SUBSTANTIALLY IDENTICAL	) <b>PTO Customer Number 67338</b>
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 9, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.